

Dates To Remember

Mondays,	Prayer Meeting - break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 14
Wednesdays,	Dew Drop In - break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 9
Thursdays,	Silent Prayer – break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 10
Aug. 3	Civic Holiday – church office closed
16	Food Bank Sunday

NOTE: Some of these dates and times are subject to change.



For the months of July and August, your Mission Committee would like to collect the following items for the Limberlost Chaplaincy:

- Food (cereal, rice, snacks, non-perishables), • diapers, personal hygiene products (deodorant, dental products, feminine hygiene products, etc.).
- Clothing for children and adults (socks, underwear, gently used or new clothing). • Sunscreen, at least 30 SPF or higher.

If you prefer to donate cash or cheque, please feel free to do so. Cheques are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church, Mission Project. *Please and thank you from the Mission Committee.*



Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports mission and ministry in Canada and around the world. The budget is approved each year at the General Assembly. We build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice, create worship spaces welcoming for everyone and share God's love around the world. **Together we make mission and ministry happen.**



Conflict can continue to destabilize lives, even after the fighting ends. After the Tigray peace agreement in Ethiopia, communities felt relief from violence, but many families still struggle. The two-year conflict caused food shortages. Ato, a farmer, lost all his household assets in the war, and his family ate once daily. Things changed when Ato's family participated in an agriculture and livelihoods program where he received training, seeds, goats and hand tools. Equipped with new knowledge and supplies, Ato was able to resume his work. Now he is growing healthy food for his household. The family's two goats had four kids, one of which the family sold to cover financial gaps. This program was supported by PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, in collaboration with Tearfund.

Please mark your donation "PWS&D."

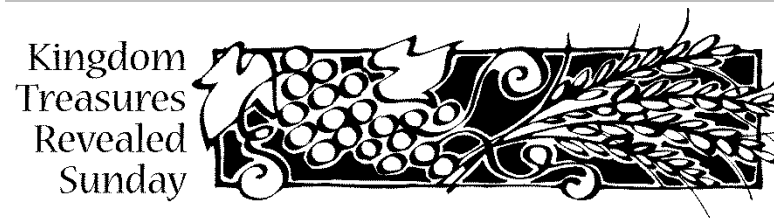
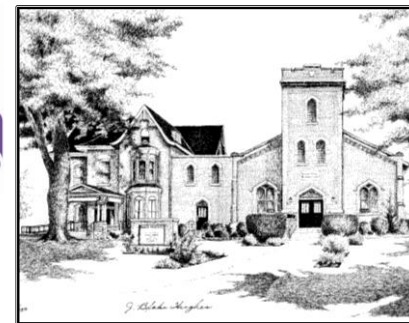
Thank you! *Stephanie Chunoo, PWS&D Communications Assistant*



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**Community
Caring
Christ**



July 26, 2026

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music Director: Bonnie Neaves

Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

Our mission as a congregation, with the Holy Spirit as our guide, is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the world, and to fulfill our responsibilities to God and our neighbours.

An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Prelude: Preludes on Love Divine, Thaxted and Repton *Charles Callahan*
Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

L: Lord, have mercy upon us

P: Christ, have mercy upon us

L: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

P: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

*Hymn: **Eternal light, shine in my heart**

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Solo: The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Baritone: Alistair McGhee

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 29:15-28**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **105:1-11**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Epistle Lesson: **Romans 8:26-39**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **At the name of Jesus**

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Sermon

Anthem: Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

Organist: Paul Merritt

We Respond in Faith and Service

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Hymn: **God of grace and God of glory**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Rondeau

Henry Purcell

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**Please note:** No photos or filming permitted without the express permission of the participants involved. Thank you.



**Stewardship Moment** – Stewardship is a human vocation.

*Douglas John Hall, (1928-2025), theologian, author, professor*



**Welcome Visitors!** - Thank you for worshipping with us today, at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. You have enriched our community and we hope the service held meaning and beauty for you.

Please feel free to remain after the worship service and join us in Fleck Hall for refreshments. You may wish to visit us on the web at [www.elmwoodchurch.ca](http://www.elmwoodchurch.ca) to learn more about us and what opportunities are available for personal spiritual growth and service to others. If you are not an involved member of a faith community, but seeking one, we invite you to return here any Sunday for worship and fellowship.

**If you would like to speak to the minister**, or have him visit, you are very welcome to be in touch with him. Please contact the church office 519-438-3492 or email [afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca](mailto:afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca)



We were joined today by guest musicians from First-St. Andrew's United Church and St. James Westminster Church. Many thanks to Paul Merritt (organ) and choristers: Gillian Channer, Katy Clark, Robert Kennedy, Lynda Kennedy & Nancy Quinn.



**PCC Prayer** – We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we seek to understand and proclaim God's truth in ways that are faithful to scripture and relevant to our time.



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Join us in Fleck Hall following the worship service today for a lunch and fellowship.** Extend your warm wishes to Rev. Dr. Fullerton and Emily as they leave us today after 10 years of dedicated and faithful service. We wish them peace and happiness in their new chapter in life.

**Vacation:** Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton will not be available July 27 through September 1. **Pastoral Emergencies:** July 27 to August 2, contact Rev. Herb Hilder, email: [herbhilder@gmail.com](mailto:herbhilder@gmail.com). and/or Rev. Katharine Michie, email: [kjmichie1952@gmail.com](mailto:kjmichie1952@gmail.com), phone (for both), 519-455-1179. August 3 – Sept. 1, contact Rev. Dr. David Clark (New St. James) phone: 519- 434-1127, email: [david.clark.pcc@gmail.com](mailto:david.clark.pcc@gmail.com). Or, contact your Elder.

**Your attention is needed.** We are 11% behind in the pace needed to achieve our \$170,000 annual General Budget goal and 28 % behind in our *Presbyterians Sharing* annual goal. We have all been affected by the increased costs of day to day living. This also holds true for our beloved church maintaining our building and programs. Please keep this in mind when reviewing your tithes. Thank you.

**Notice from your Truth and Reconciliation Committee:** There will be an open air vendors' market at the Oneida Nation of the Thames community centre on **Thursday, July 30 from 2 - 7 p.m.** This is a fundraising event sponsored by the Oneida Fall Fair organizers. The **Oneida Fall Fair is scheduled for September 25 - 27.** Here are two opportunities to take "reconcili-action" by visiting our neighbours and supporting their cultural events.  
Steve O'Neil